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MODIFIED NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL INSURANCE SCHEME
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to include natural losses caused to various crops by frost, fog, heat-wave and hailstorms in order to provide compensation to farmers in the modified National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS);

(b) whether the Government also proposes to make NAIS more comprehensive by including in it life insurance and insurance for agricultural implements for the farmers;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (c): A proposal to modify the existing National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) based on the recommendations of the Joint Group constituted by the Government which inter alia includes personal accident insurance cover and a composite package insurance, covering all assests, including agricultural implements of the farmers is under consideration of the Government. The proposed Modified NAIS is a comprehensive risk insurance scheme which will provide insurance cover to yield losses due to natural calamities including frost, fog, heat-wave and hailstorm.

(d): Does not arise.